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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
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To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Knighton Rural District Council.

July, 1963.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my 19th Annual Report upon the vital statistics, sanitary conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my report I shall endeavour to include, in addition to the required statistics and particulars of infectious diseases, an account of sanitation in the area under my control.

Satisfactory progress was maintained throughout the year in connection with private building of dwelling houses and also the modernization and improvements of existing houses. A total of 44 building byelaw applications and plans were submitted to the Council during the year, all of which were approved.

By the end of the year the Public Health Inspector had completed his revision of the Housing Survey Records, and the resulting figures showed a substantial improvement in the conditions of houses within the Rural District as compared with the original survey carried out in 1956.

OFFICIALS.

The Ministry of Health has requested details and qualifications of the Council's Senior Public Health Officers, which are as follows:-

Medical Officer of Health (Part-time) Dr. J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Public Health Inspector (Full-time) D.I. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and the whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public Health Committee for the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres of the District)	88,667.
Population (Estimated)	2,760.
Rateable Value	£31,570.

LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 32 live births registered during the year, of which 21 were male, and 11 female, giving a birth rate of 13.04 per 1,000 of the population of the area.

The Birth rate for 1961 was 15.2 per 1,000 population of the area.

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 2 illegitimate live births registered during the year, one male and one female.

STILLBIRTHS.

There were 4 still births registered during the year, three being male and one being female.



## DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of all ages registered during the year was 34, giving a death rate of 12.3 for the whole district as compared with 27 deaths in 1961 giving a rate of 9.7 per 1,000.

## INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There was 1 death of an infant under one year of age as compared with 2 in 1961.

## ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRE.

There are Ante-Natal Infant Welfare and Tuberculosis Clinics in operation at Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. The home visiting of expectant mothers attending the Ante-Natal Clinic is undertaken by the Midwives.

Within reasonable distance Hereford, Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Newtown Hospitals are available for treatment, and Hereford and Shrewsbury have centres for the treatment of venereal diseases.

## ORTHOPEADIC SCHEME.

This scheme covers all children and adults with fortnightly clinic at Llandrindod Wells.

## SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Resulting from the regular inspection, provision is made for treatment. An Eye Clinic is installed in Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. A Mobile Dental Service is provided at each school in the area.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

- Lobar Pneumonia - Female - 80 years of age.
- Respiratory Tuberculosis - Male - 73 years of age.
- Respiratory Tuberculosis - Female - 21 years of age.
- Non-respiratory Tuberculosis - Male - 49 years of age.

## SCHOOL CANTEENS.

All schools in the Rural District have canteens where mid-day meals are provided for the scholars.

## FOOD INSPECTION.

All food premises within the district are periodically inspected by the Public Health Inspector.

## WATER SUPPLIES.

The Bleddfa & Lugg Valley Water Supply Scheme has now been completed and most of the villages within the Rural District have a satisfactory water supply. The Council are however proceeding with preparatory work for a new water supply for the village of Llanbister and also a scheme to extend the Llandewy Ystradenny water supply to serve properties in the Crossways area.

Regular samples are taken from all the Council's Supplies by the Public Health Inspector and these are bacteriologically analysed at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. The supplies generally are very good and no treatment is being carried out.

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District.



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The number of dwelling houses and the estimated population supplied from public water mains direct to the houses in the various parishes are as follows:-

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>HOUSES.</u>	<u>EST. POP.</u>
Beguildy	82	328
Bleddfa	32	128
Cascob	16	64
Discoed	7	28
Heyope	29	116
Litton	1	4
Llananno	-	-
Llanbadarn Fynydd	14	56
Llanbister	18	72
Llandewy Ystradenny	18	72
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	48	192
Llangunllo	42	168
Norton	47	188
Pilleth	1	4
Stanage	-	-
Whitton	8	32

There are 14 dwelling houses supplied from Standpipes, i.e., 7 at Llaithddu village in the Parish of Llanbadarn Fynydd and 7 at Crossways, Llandewy Ystradenny.

#### SEWERAGE.

Although the Council have not yet commenced any village sewerage schemes, it is hoped that during the coming year, work will commence on the Norton Scheme. The Consulting Engineers are also dealing with preparatory work in connection with schemes for Llandewy Ystradenny and Llangunllo.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

There are no main dealers premises situated within the Council's area, but three retailers from adjoining Authorities retail milk in this Rural District.

#### ICE CREAM.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area, and only five are registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. Periodical inspection of these premises are carried out by the Public Health Inspector, and conditions are generally satisfactory.

#### RODENT CONTROL - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A systematic survey of properties is being carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator and treatment given where found necessary.

#### MIDWIVES ACT.

The District Nurses working in the Rural Area act as Health Visitors for the County Council. Mrs. Malone is employed also on full time Health Visiting in the area.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are no factories within the Rural District.

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OUTWORKERS.

So far as is known to your Officers there are no outworkers in the Rural Area.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my Annual Report, I would express my thanks to the Members and Staff of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to remain  
Your obedient Servant.

J.G. GARMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1962 FOR THE  
RURAL DISTRICT OF KNIGHTON IN THE COUNTY OF RADNOR.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect- ions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.				/
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.				
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				
Total.	NIL			

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found  
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred.		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2).					
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)					
Total					





PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK  
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of bases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing (Making apparel { etc. { Cleaning { and { Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File Making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						
Paper bags						



## PART VIII OF THE ACT (Cont. )

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The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades	NIL					

TOTAL

Signature

Medical Officer of Health.

Date

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